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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT & AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed October 2, 2001 (Paper No. 9),
please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace Claims 1-47 with the following clean version of the entire set of
pending claims which is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3):

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1. A method of identifying a molecule involved in lipid regulation comprising
identifying a molecule that binds to, or that inhibits binding of a molecule to, HBM or
Zmax1.

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2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said molecule is a protein.